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UNIVERSITIES GATHER TO ESTABLISH INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CENTER

Several university officials, administrators, and students gathered to announce a grant for the Bluegrass State Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence.

Held at the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, the partnership was developed to raise awareness among students who are preparing themselves for intelligence community careers.

The goal of the Bluegrass State Intelligence Studies Consortium is to provide more educational avenues for students seeking careers with regionally-based federal, state and local intelligence agencies. Students will soon have the ability to supplement their current curriculum with technological, scientific, and research skills to better prepare them for employment in Kentucky and surrounding areas.

Dr. Allen Ault, dean of ECU's College of Justice and Safety said, "This is



From left: Dr. Elgie McFayden, Dr. Raymond Burse, Dr. Wayne Andrews, Dr. Allen Ault, Dr. Michael W. Hail, Dr. Murray Bessette, and Dr. Mike Collier.

Martin Riggs/KOHS

a superb opportunity for us to both increase enrollments and better prepare students for future careers in intelligence and national security." The center will also provide better lines of communication between our institutions on intelligence and national security program education and for the growing demand of qualified intelligence applicants. Due to the develop-

ment of the community center, workshops, scholarships grants for students and faculty will be provided to meet this critical need.

Attendees for the ceremony included Dr. Wayne D. Andrews MSU President; Dr. Murray Bessette, MSU co-director; Dr. Michael W. Hail, MSU grant co-director; Dr. Raymond Burse, KSU President; Dr. Elgie McFayden, KSU grant co-director; Dr. Allen Ault, dean ECU College of Justice and Safety; Dr.

Mike Collier, ECU grant co-director. Dr. Michael Collier, Homeland Security Program coordinator at ECU can be contacted for additional information at (859)-622-6762 michael.collier@eku.edu.

Heaton Leaves KOHS

After spending seven years with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and a short stint with the Kentucky State Police, Jonathan Heaton will begin his new career path with Beer House Distributor of Kentucky. Throughout his time with KOHS, Jonathan was a criminal intelligence analyst focused on domestic terrorism and transnational criminal organizations. "Jonathan was truly dedicated to our mission and to those we serve. It was an honor to work alongside an individual with his intelligence and dedication," said Gene Kiser,

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Jonathan Heaton was presented with a plaque for his service with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security by ED Gene Kiser.

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Widespread Flu Hits Kentucky

The state Department for Public Health announced that influenza hit its highest level during December and January with reports that flu-like illnesses or flu outbreaks were in at least half the regions of the state. Officials did acknowledge that the CDC said some of the nation's most commonly circulating influenza A viruses were not covered by this year's vaccine. However, Kentucky officials said the vaccine appears to be a good match for many other circulating strains.

Federal health officials suggest flu vaccinations for everyone 6 months

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Eddyville and Kuttawa Fire Departments Respond to Plane Crash with KOHS Funded Equipment

The Eddyville and Kuttawa fire departments recently responded to a twin-engine plane crash that occurred in Lyon County, about 30 miles east of Paducah. Predominantly, all of the mobile and handheld communication equipment utilized during the plane crash response and recovery were paid for by KOHS funds. The Eddyville fire department recently used the funds to replace and upgrade their dispatch receiver, a device used to relay radio signals across a wide area. The new P25 repeater was used to alert all county agencies in the surrounding areas. The Kuttawa Fire Department also received a new dispatch receiver from KOHS funding and was able to

Earlier in the year the Kuttawa Fire Department was also awarded a KOHS grant for new extraction equipment. Unfortunately, the plane crash resulted in the deaths of four of the five occupants. Chief Bill Compton of the Kuttawa Fire Department said, "KOHS funded equipment was critically important in the response and recovery operation of this incident. The KOHS funded extraction equipment allowed for the removal of the victims, which aided state and federal agencies in the investigation of the crash and hopefully helped in the closure process for the victims families."



ABC News Photo



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use their new device to enhance communications for all ground operations during the incident. This enabled first responders to limit communication access to individuals and organizations who may be trying to listen to confidential information being broadcasted. Chief Josh Schenk of the Eddyville Fire Department said, "What really helped was the ability to switch over to the digital side of our repeater. This blocked out most of scanner land and media. I cannot thank you enough for your (KOHS) help in our community."

New Generator for Paducah Police Department

A \$75,000 grant was accepted during the Paducah Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 13th. The grant will allow the Paducah Police Department to purchase and install a new emergency generator. The grant was facilitated by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and will pay for about 40 percent of the project. The police department has set aside funds within its budget for the grant match to complete the project.



Contributing Agencies:

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Kentucky State Police Intelligence

FBI Louisville Division

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

U.S. Secret Service

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications

Lexington Division of Police

Louisville Metro Police

Kentucky Department of Corrections

Kentucky Army National Guard

U.S. Coast Guard

Kentucky Fire Commission

New Employees Join the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has added several new faces over the last two years.

Tammy Stipes was formerly a local government advisor with the Department for Local Government, working in the Housing and Community Projects branch. On July 1, 2014, Tammy began working for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security as the grants branch manager where she oversees the Homeland Security Grants Program.

Jennifer Annis started working for KOHS as a grants manager on July 17, 2013. Before, Jennifer was with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services working as an assistant program investigator. She graduated from ECU with a bachelor of science in criminal justice.

KOHS hired David Montgomery on July 1, 2014. He is a grants manager and helps facilitate the Office of Homeland Security Grants Program. Before KOHS, David worked for the Kentucky Attorney General and the Department of Education. He



From left to right: Tammy Stipes, Grants Branch Manager, Jennifer Annis, Grants Manager, David Montgomery, Grants

completed his undergraduate degree at Georgetown College and attended Appalachian School of Law.

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security would like to welcome all our new employees and look forward to their hard work and dedication.

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Tip Line



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1-866-EYE-ON-KY

Martin Riggs was announced on December 1st as the new public information officer for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. Mr. Riggs was formerly the director of development at Saint Joseph Hospital and graduated with a public relations degree from Campbellsville University.



Michael Souder assumed the duties of intelligence analyst for Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources on January 20th. Mr. Souder serves in the US Naval Reserve and is a retired firefighter/EMT instructor. He previously served with KOHS's Community Preparedness Program and is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.



WIDESPREAD FLU HITS KENTUCKY

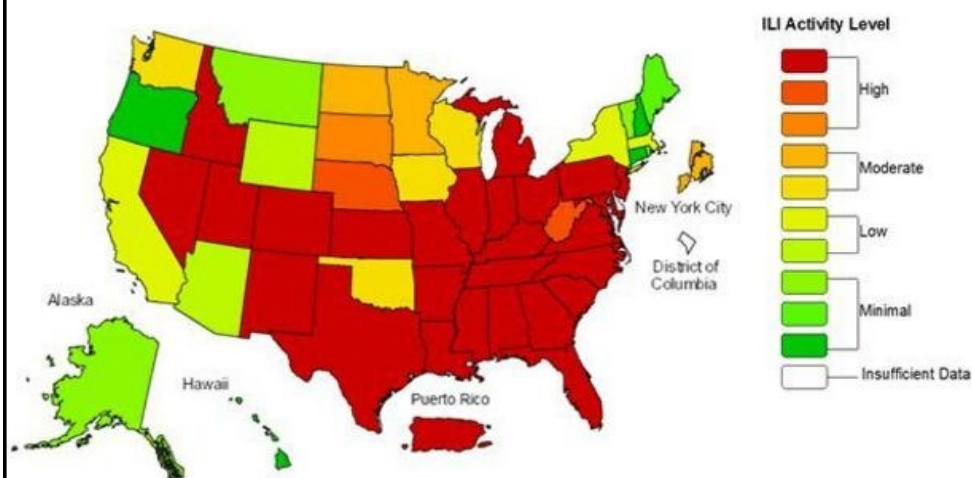
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of age or older to protect themselves. This is especially important for adults who interact with children younger than six months who are and are highly susceptible to getting sick.

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executive director of KOHS. Jonathan's new role lands him in the fast paced sales, marketing, and merchandising arena. His previous experience with KOHS of tracking trends and relaying information to the correct authorities will help him adapt to the constantly changing conditions of the alcohol distribution business.

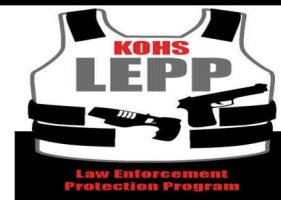
Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILINet
2014-15 Influenza Season Week 52 ending Dec 27, 2014



CDC map illustrates how flu is widespread throughout the deep south and other parts of the nation.

Six Agencies Awarded Law Enforcement Protection Program Grants Totaling \$55,799

City of Flemingsburg	Weapons and ammo	\$3730
City of Paducah	Body armor vests	\$9310
City of Fort Thomas	Body armor vests	\$5800
City of Springfield	Body armor vests	\$4280
Muhlenberg Co. Fiscal Ct.	Body armor vests	\$4950
McCracken Co. Fiscal Ct.	Tasers	\$27,729



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Conferences, Training, Etc.

Jan 27-28— Cyber Investigations 105 Basic Cell Phone Investigations, Bowling Green - (LE only)

Jan 29— Cyber Investigations 210 GPS Investigations, Bowling Green (LE only)

March 3-5— Intermediate Risk Analysis, Frankfort



Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit www.dhs.gov/HSIN or contact Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center at FusionCenter@ky.gov.

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2015 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM



The men and women involved in law enforcement face some of the most significant challenges imaginable during the course of their careers. Therefore, it is important that these dedicated professionals have available to them the very best in protective equipment and gear.

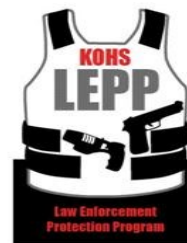
The Law Enforcement Protection Program enables Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to provide funds for these vital items to law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth.



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Law Enforcement Protection Program



Bravery

Strength of mind in regard to danger; that quality which enables a man or woman to encounter danger with firmness; personal courage; valor; prowess; intrepidity.

The Law Enforcement Protection Program is a joint collaboration between the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHs) and the Kentucky State Police.

Policy

KRS 16.220 establishes a fund within the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to provide body armor, duty weapons, ammunition and electronic-control devices to sworn peace officers and service animals, as defined in KRS 525.010, of city, county, charter county, unified county, urban-county and consolidated local government police department, university safety and security departments organized pursuant to KRS 164.950; school districts that employ special law enforcement officers as defined by KRS 61.900 and sheriff's departments.

In awarding grants under this statute, the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security shall give first priority to providing and replacing body armor and second priority to providing duty weapons and ammunition, with residual funds available for the purchase of electronic-control devices or electro-muscular disruption technology. Body armor purchased using Law Enforcement Protection Program funds shall meet or exceed the standards issued by the National Institute of Justice. No police or sheriff's department shall apply for a grant to replace existing body armor unless that body armor has been in actual use for a period of five (5) years or longer.

Applications are accepted during the entire year. The application form is available at www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/LEPP or contact KOHS to request a copy.

Applications will be reviewed quarterly by KOHS staff and, with the approval of the Governor, awarded based upon available funding. Per KRS 16.220, the following priorities will be used in awarding grants: (1) providing and replacing body armor; (2) providing duty weapons and ammunition and (3) providing electronic-control devices.

Funding

- **Body armor:** KOHS utilizes the state price contract as a guideline in reimbursing grantees for each unit of body armor awarded (currently up to \$665 per vest). The applicant must provide a copy of bids for the body armor requested. Body armor accessories will not be reimbursed.
- **Duty weapons and ammunition:** This program will provide funding for duty weapons, shotguns and patrol rifles only. Firearm accessories will not be reimbursed. The program allows for the purchase of 500 rounds of ammunition for duty weapons awarded and 50 shells for shotguns. The applicant must provide a copy of bids for the weapons and ammunition to determine award amount. Only semi-automatic "patrol rifles" will be authorized — no specialty weapons such as fully-automated rifles, submachine guns or sniper rifles will be considered for funding. The program will reimburse up to the amount stated in the state price contract.
- **Electronic-control devices:** The applicant must provide a copy of bids for the devices to determine award amount. Electronic-control device accessories will not be reimbursed. KOHS can only reimburse up to the amount listed in the state price contract (currently \$1,029 for model 22002). KOHS will reimburse up to two cartridges per device and one software system per department.

Grant Process

- Upon approval, award recipients will receive notice of the amount of funds approved and an agreement (purchase order). Upon return of the signed agreement, several state agencies must approve the agreement before KOHS can authorize local agencies to purchase items awarded. Purchases cannot be made or reimbursed until KOHS notifies grantees of final award approval.
- Each award recipient is reimbursed after funds are expended and proper documentation is provided to the KOHS.
- KOHS continuously monitors and provides technical assistance for the award period of grants. Upon completion of the grant project, a final site visit may be conducted to verify compliance with the KOHS agreement and a completion report must be submitted to KOHS by award recipient.
- KOHS strongly encourages local governments to utilize existing Kentucky State Master Agreement contracts in requesting items. Should the user procure an item for a price exceeding the state contracted price, that office would then be responsible for paying the difference in pricing from the selling price to the state price.